Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Barry Johnson and Ardell Thompson exchanged their wedding vows on June 5, 1955, in Sinai, South Dakota, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, The newlywed couple of 50 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow, and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, Barry and Ardell are the parents of two children: Wendy and Brad, and they have three grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Barry and Ardell have spent most of their married life in northeast South Dakota, and they spent more than 20 years working together at Johnson Appraisal, Inc. in Watertown, which they founded in 1976; and,

Whereas, During the summer months, Barry and Ardell enjoy spending time at their cabin on Lake Poinsett; and,

Whereas, Barry and Ardell will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary at an open house on June 25, 2005, at the home of Brad and Carol Johnson, 950 North Lake Drive, Watertown, South Dakota, and it is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognize and commemorate the memorable milestones in the lives of the state's outstanding citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 25, 2005, as

BARRY AND ARDELL JOHNSON DAY

in South Dakota, and I wish them continued good health and happiness.

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In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State